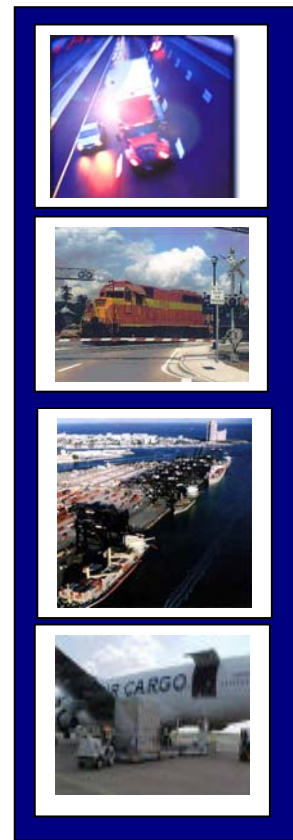




***The Miami-Dade MPO
Freight Transportation Advisory Committee***

MEETING AGENDA

**Stephen D. Clark/County Administration Building
Wednesday – September 13, 2006
Conference Room 18-1
3:00 PM**



FTAC AGENDA

- **Self Introductions**
 - Chairwoman Sylvia Bernstein
- **Approve Agenda**
- **Approve Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2006**
- **Approve FTAC Resolution 02-06**
 - o *Resolution requesting the MPO Board to take a position against the location of a new baseball stadium south of the Miami Arena.*
- **25th Street Viaduct:**
 - FDOT,
 - City of Doral,
 - Miami International Airport
- **Other Business**
 - b. County Committee Requirements
- **Adjourn**

**FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2006**

The September meeting of FTAC was held at 3:00 pm in Conference Room 18-1

The following individuals were in attendance:

FTAC Members

Sylvia Bernstein	FTAC Chair
Felipe Munoz	
Doug Tannehill	C-H Robinson
Del Bryan	Overtown Adv. Board
Mariella Marrero	
Barbara Pimentel	FCBF
Rafael Puga	FFTA

Guests

Joe M. Corradino	The Corradino Group
Miguel Soria	Marlin Engineering
Naldo Gonzalez	Marlin Engineering
Luis Monsalve	Marlin Engineering
Bunny Schreiber	MIA
Chris Dube	FDOT Dist. 06
Eric Carpenter	City of Doral
Bill Arata	Biscayne Bay Pilots

Staff

Larry Foutz	Miami-Dade MPO
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The meeting began with self introductions prior to the Chairwoman welcoming the invited guests. Staff began the meeting by explaining that the I-95/6th Street Slip Ramp Resolution had gone to the TPC but had not been voted on and was only discussed briefly. It was explained that there was no reason for the TPC to have taken a vote on the resolution. However, it was critical that at the September 28th MPO Board meeting that a vote be taken supporting the resolution to include the I-95 Slip Ramp in both the TIP and the LRTP. To assure the vote each member of the FTAC should contact the MPO Board member that appointed them to discuss the resolution and to see if the Board members can support the project. This function is part of the responsibility of serving on FTAC.

The Chair moved the agenda and it was approved.

The Chair reminded the committee that the minutes had been sent out prior to the meeting. The minutes were moved and approved.

The Chair noted the Resolution 02-06 in the agenda package stating FTAC opposition to the location of a new baseball stadium south of the Miami Arena. The Resolution was moved by Del Bryan, seconded by Barbara Pimentel and passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Chair moved on to the discussion of the 25th Street Viaduct Project. The project team from Marling Engineering presented a brief video that presented the project. Improvements connect the West Side Cargo Area 25th Street and include an elevated viaduct from 67th Avenue to 82nd Avenue and widening of the surface street from 4 through lanes to six lanes. Truck traffic makes up 20% of the truck traffic in the area. It is projected that truck ADT will approach 7,000 vehicles per day. The West Side Cargo Area is projected to grow from 2.2 million sq. ft. of warehouse space to 4 million sq. ft.

The PD&E study and the design have been completed. The project went out to bid. The cost was estimated at \$100 million but the bids came in at \$200 million. There were only 3 bidders. Because the project came in at such a high price FDOT split the project into two phases. Phase I extends from the Airport to the Palmetto. Phase II extends from the Palmetto to 87th Avenue. Phase I is supposed to be let in October and construction is scheduled to begin January/February. The let date is uncertain for Phase II. Construction for Phase I is scheduled to take 1000 days. However contractor bonuses are offered for early completion to minimize construction duration.

Although the widening is all planned for the north side of the roadway and a maintenance of traffic plan has been prepared the committee still saw that there would be tremendous impacts to freight movement during construction.

The committee asked for the following tasks be undertaken before and during construction:

- Public Outreach include the FTAC members as they had huge contact lists that include truckers and shippers.
- That the Doral Business Council work with the businesses in the Doral to implement various Transportation Demand Management tools.
- That police enforcement crack down on to control traffic in the area during construction including a Don't Block the Box Program.
- The City of Doral should work with the County to improve signal synchronization through the project area.
- The City of Doral work to get critical intersection improvements completed to facilitate truck movement through detours and alternate routes.
- FDOT should work with the contractor to encourage construction work in off peak periods such as evenings and weekends.
- Public Information be presented as early as possible to enable mass distribution of information.

Everyone on the committee agreed if everyone gave a little the project construction impacts could be lessened

It was mentioned that there might be a County workshop in October that the group might be interested in. The Doral Business Council invited the committee to attend their next breakfast. It was announced that the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce was hosting a Symposium on November 29.

IT was asked if the committee could look into how Impact Fees were being spent and how much went to Transportation.

Barbara Pimentel distributed several articles of interest.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday October 3, 2006 at 2:00 pm .

Staff asked if the FTAC had ever adopted by-laws. The committee agreed that they had not adopted by-laws. Committee by-laws will be distributed, modified and approved over the next several months.

Finally the Chair asked if water could be available for the committee members.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, October 3, 2006 at 2:00 pm . (It was subsequently rescheduled to October 25, at 3:00)